

## WINNERS SELECTED FOR NEW RESTAURANT BEER AND WINE LICENSES IN GALLATIN, MADISON COUNTIES

BOZEMAN, Montana – Representative JP Pomnichowski (D-Bozeman) drew the names of the lucky individuals and businesses who will receive the 28 new restaurant beer and wine license available in Gallatin and Madison counties. The winners were drawn in a lottery at the Best Western Grantree Inn in Bozeman earlier today.

"It's a big day for restaurants in this area of southwestern Montana," said Dan Bucks, director of the Montana Department of Revenue. "These licenses will allow restaurants to serve a glass of beer or wine with dinner. It will make these businesses more viable and help our economy grow."

The individuals and businesses who will receive the 28 new restaurant beer and wine licenses are:

### Bozeman/Belgrade (11 licenses):

1. Big Sky Beverage, Inc. (Hunter Lacey, sole shareholder)
2. Michael Keyshae
3. Bridger Pasta Company (Zack Anderson, Rob Haglen and Sonja Burgard, shareholders)
4. Gary Evje
5. La Tinga, LLC (Alba R. Esteves-De-Jeffries and Curtis Jeffries, members)
6. TDM Montana, LLC (Robert Stevens and Jeff Stevens, members)
7. On The Rise, Inc. (Peter Strom, sole shareholder)
8. La Parrilla, Inc. (Mack Anderson and Jacquie Anderson, shareholders)
9. Stewberg, Inc. (Bonnie Steward and Serena Rundberg, shareholders)
10. Buffalo Bump Pizza, Inc. (Joe Knarr and Heather Knarr, shareholders)
11. Brian Zimmer

### West Yellowstone (5 licenses):

12. T.J.'s Bettola, LLC (Trisha J. Boule & Robinson Interests of Montana, Inc., members; Lewis S. Robinson III and Linda T. Robinson, shareholders)
13. Beartooth Barbeque, LLC (Eric Tips and Christina D. Tips, members)
14. Margo R. Keserich
15. Laurie Wisner
16. Andrew L. Cetraro

### Ennis (4 licenses):

17. Madison Valley Ranch, LLC (Daniel N. Larson, Scott V. Carver and Thomas J. Fochtman, members)
18. John J. Whitman
19. Faith Dredla
20. Virginia R. Larson

### Twin Bridges (4 licenses)

21. Natoshia M. Cetraro
22. Michael P. Cetraro
23. Andrew L. Cetraro
24. Margo R. Keserich

### Virginia City (4 licenses):

25. Natoshia M. Cetraro
26. John F. Keserich

27. Andrew L. Cetraro
28. Michael P. Cetraro

One hundred seventy-one (171) applicants vied for the 12 new licenses in the Bozeman/Belgrade area. Statewide, a total of 531 qualified applicants are entered in the lottery vying for a chance at one of the 124 new licenses available.

"We have seen a lot of interest in these licenses, because offering beer and wine with dinner provides economic opportunity for the businesses," said Bucks.

Restaurant beer and wine licenses are on-premise licenses that allow for the serving of beer or wine with a food order. Wine or beer may be served between the hours of 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. At least 65% of the restaurant's gross income must be derived from food sales. The restaurant cannot have gambling on its premises.

The 2007 Legislature passed Senate Bill 296, essentially doubling the number of restaurant beer and wine licenses in cities with a population of more than 5,000. Cities with a population under 5,000 receive an additional four licenses for each quota area. The legislation was the first significant change in these licenses in ten years.

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